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AGM Agenda 2009

1. AGM opens
2. Apologies of Absence
3. Accept minutes from the previous meeting
4. Accept report from the Chair (included with agenda mail-out)
5. Accept the report from the Treasurer (included with agenda mail-out)
6. Revision of Constitution – motions as follow
7. Identification of any proposed rule changes which shall not be considered, following received feedback.
8. Other Business
9. AGM closes

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION:

Motion 1 - received from Peter Hyde on 12 August 2009.

That Part II, Section 15(b) be amended as follows:

FROM

(b) Any proposed rule changes, and the date of the meeting at which those changes will be voted on must be published to the members of the Society no less than eight (8) weeks in advance of that meeting. These shall be accompanied by a request for feedback from the membership to be returned to the Committee not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.

TO

(b) Any proposed rule changes, and the date of the meeting at which those changes will be voted on must be published to the members of the Society no less than six (6) weeks in advance of that meeting.

These shall be accompanied by a request for feedback from the membership to be returned to the Committee not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.

RATIONALE: in 2007, there was a proposal to reduce the notification period to four weeks. It attracted 60% support which was not the 2/3 majority required to pass. Comments at the time indicated that four weeks was too short for students (who move) and perhaps also for those who are not in electronic touch.

However, at present, 100% of our current membership are listed in our database as "Prefer to receive all future communications from SCA (NZ) Inc. via email rather than via post". Although the Committee has gotten the AGM process started nice and early in the past couple of years, I still feel it is worth proposing a compromise six weeks rather than the current eight, or the four which was seen as too short in 2007.

Motion 2 - received from Peter Hyde on 12 August 2009.

That Part II, Section 5.1 (c) (3) - part of the list of those NOT eligible to be SCA NZ Committee members - be amended as follows:

FROM

3. any other officer of any kingdom,

TO

3. any Greater officer of any kingdom,

RATIONALE: "any other officer" is too broad. It could be interpreted to include deputy officers, and in any case unnecessarily limits the number of people available to serve on the Committee. I am proposing "*Greater officer*" since this is a substantial role, whereas lesser or deputy roles are unlikely to involve any significant workload or conflict-of-interest issues.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: the Laws of Lochac, section IV.6 "*Requirements for Holding Office*", say "*No corporate officer of the SCA may hold any Kingdom Office.*" The existence of this law does not prevent us from making the proposed change to our Rules if we so choose.

However, for the changed Rule to be effective, a change of the kingdom law is also required, or at least a clarification regarding the status of deputies. This change is outside the scope of our AGM.